

REMARKS

Applicant has studied the Office Action dated February 4, 2005 and has made amendments to the claims. It is submitted that the application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. By virtue of this amendment, claims 1-18 are pending. Claims 19-21 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1 and 10 have been amended. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-18 were objected to because of "informalities". Claims 1 and 10 have been amended as requested by the Examiner. It is submitted that claims 1-18 fulfill all the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the objection to claims 1-18 should be withdrawn.

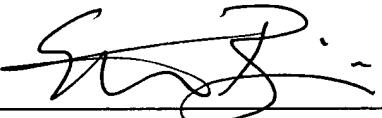
Claims 19-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Raghavan (U.S. Patent No. 6,415,003). Claims 19-21 have been canceled so this rejection is moot.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-18 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objection. Claims 1 and 10 have been amended as requested by the Examiner. It is submitted that claims 1-18 fulfill all the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-18 are in condition for allowance.

Applicant has examined the references cited by the Examiner as pertinent but not relied upon. It is believed that these references neither disclose nor make obvious the invention recited in the present claims. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application and the claims are in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (561) 989-9811 should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the application.

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